

### **DINÉ TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST**

**DEFINITION:** Under general direction, performs work of moderate difficulty with responsibility to plan, direct, organize, and perform duties in teaching the Diné culture, chants, sandpainting, and healing ceremonies; perform related duties as assigned.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

#### **TASKS:**

Conducts research in Diné traditional healing science; teaches Diné healing ceremonies to students selected for their commitment to the traditional Diné Philosophy of Education; coordinates training activities with Advisory Council consisting of Diné traditional healing science practitioners; develops reporting forms and orientation material for apprenticeship program; advertisements, recruits, selects and orientates trainee; attends ceremonies which are part of the training program to monitor and evaluate progress; establishes program to certify trainees.

Provide technical assistance to schools, departments, BIA, Indian Health Services and other entities proposing to develop projects on the Navajo Philosophy, history, customs, values and Diné way of life, and makes presentation; assists with culture content standards by identifying and interpreting oral traditional on cultural principles and values; provides guidance and recommendations on cultural activities.

#### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Knowledge of the Diné' culture, chants, sandpaintings, and performance of healing ceremonies.  
Skill in performing the Diné healing chants and sandpaintings.  
Ability to teach the Diné healing ceremonies.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Work involves a minimum of physical effort in an office setting.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Ordained Practitioner of chants, sandpainting, and healing ceremonies in relation to the Diné Philosophy of Education.

A Bachelor's degree in Education; and three (3) years experience in teaching Diné culture.  
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Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents of the class may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.